

# WILL ASK STATE TO BE LIBERAL ON SHELBY ROADS

## This County Pays Half Million Into State Road Funds and Hopes for Justice in Distribution of Appropriations.

Shelby county will pay this year into the various road funds which are to be expended under the direction of the Tennessee highway commission, at least half a million dollars.

The county commissioners hope that in making appropriations for Shelby county roads from these state funds

the highway commissioners will see the justice of allotting a reasonable amount to be spent on the Shelby county links of several of the great highways which pass through the state. This proposition will be presented informally Monday by the county com-

Members of the Tennessee highway commission will spend Monday in Shelby county and will be given an opportunity to inspect some of the county's finest pike. Members of the commission are W. W. House, W. T. Moore,

and W. C. Teeterman. They are to hold a special session at Jackson on Tuesday and have notified the county commissioners that they will come first to Memphis for an inspection of some of the highways which it is proposed to improve during the present year and upon which the state commission will be making a study.

No state funds were available for the Shelby county roads last year. This year, the state has agreed to pay a small proportion, amounting to about one-sixth, of the cost of resurfacing the pike from Memphis to Millington.

The federal government under the new general road laws, has agreed to assume about three-sixths and Shelby

Additional contracts for about seven miles more from Millington to the Tippecanoe county line and a branch route will be let within a month probably.

John Bown, chairman of the county highway commission, hopes to induce the state highway commission to let the contract for the entire cost of one or more important highway links in Shelby county.

county, if the law permits such contracts. However, thus far since the new highway department was organized, no contract has been participated in by the state except on a basis of one-sixth of the cost.

Road building material and bridge material seem almost impossible. The county commissioners are figuring now on their road building program for this year. After a conference with

It appears, however, that Shelby county is going to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars more into the state road fund than will be returned for work in the county.

Half of the total auto tax, after being paid to the state, is to be divided equally between all the counties of the state. Ten per cent is to be used for expenses of the highway department. The other 40 per cent goes into the general highway fund and can be expended wherever the state board determines.

If the increased really assessment receipts met standard conditions,

**WATCH PAWNSHOPS**

## TO TRACK THIEVES

More Rigid Inspection and Attention to Detail by

### Detectives.

More rigid inspection of pawnshops and closer attention to the details of the business is the latest move of J. A. Gwathney, detective chief. In a drive on thieves, burglars and window smashers.

Chief Gwaltney dictated letters every pawnbroker in the city Saturday, advising him of this contemplated action, and requesting his co-operation with the department.

By this rigid policing, Chief Gwynne hopes to eliminate a portion of the source where a thief can raise money for stolen property. It is, of course, impossible for a pawnbroker to know whether or not an article is stolen when a loan is asked on it. Probably only a small percentage of stolen jewelry and valuables finds its way into pawnshops.

Memphis pawnshops. The bulk of the stolen goods are disposed of to "fence," who probably sends the goods to a "fence" in another city.

Pawnbrokers now are required to make a daily report, written, to police headquarters, on which they must list every pawned article. This custom will be continued.

Detective Pat Horan, who for years has been on pawnshop work, also

**HEARING SET ON  
AUDITORIUM FIGHT**

### Will Be Attacked in Court

An attack upon the validity of special act which permits the participation of Shelby county in financial construction of an auditor's market on the site of the old courthouse at Main street and Poplar avenue, was made before Judge

The action comes from a demurrer filed in a condemnation proceeding instituted by the city of Memphis in Shelby county for property adjoining the site of the old courthouse at which is necessary in the construction of the proposed auditorium.